

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
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Douglas Minter, UIC Unit Chief
U.S. EPA Region 8 (8P-W-UIC)
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Dear Mr. Douglas Minter,

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is requesting a formal government-to-government consultation with the US Environmental Protection Agency on the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery site in the southern Black Hills near Edgemont, South Dakota.

The Black Hills hold significance spiritual and cultural importance to the Oceti Sakowin, or the Seven Council Fires. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, being a part of the Oceti Sakowin, believes that it is important to take part in the protection of the sacred treaty lands of our D/Lakota Nations. Environmental impacts of such proposed activity could potentially impact this sacred area. This formal government-to-government consultation will provide the Standing Rock Nation an opportunity to discuss the project, potential environmental and cultural impacts, and can provide recommendations to the US EPA on properties and sites of cultural significance and who should be the important participants to this project and potential adverse effects it may cause in or near the proposed project area.

We invite the US EPA Region 8 representatives to present the proposed action to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, its governing body, and other interested parties. To schedule the date, location and time for the formal consultation please contact Chairman Dave Archambault's office at the following:

Chairman Dave Archambault II
Attn: Johnelle Leingang or Arlene Cordova, Assistants to the Chairman
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We look forward to your visit to Standing Rock to discuss the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ project. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Chairman Dave Archambault II
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

cc: Ms. Kelly Morgan, Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Allyson Two Bears, Environmental Director